

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Title as follows:

~~CONTROL OF LASER TUNING VELOCITY~~ SWEEP SPEED COMPENSATION

On page 1, after the Title, please add:

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Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention relates to an apparatus and to a~~ A method of manipulating a laser source ~~(2)~~, the method comprising the steps of: includes analyzing an optical signal ~~(3, 4, 5)~~ generated by the laser source ~~(2)~~, evaluating on the basis of the analysis an actual indicator corresponding with an actual value of a tuning velocity of the laser source ~~(2)~~, comparing the actual indicator with a desired indicator corresponding with a desired value of the tuning velocity to detect a deviation of the actual value of the tuning velocity from the desired value of the tuning velocity, and compensating the deviation if any by manipulating at least one parameter influencing the signal ~~(3, 4, 5)~~ of the laser source ~~(2)~~.

~~{Fig. 1 for publication}~~